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1. SUMMARY. BEIRUT PRESS CONTINUES ITS PREOCCUPATION WITH PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON NEW GOVERNMENT'S MINISTERIAL DECLARATION, "CRISIS" IN LEBANESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS, AND BRITISH AIRWAYS HIJACKING. COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY IN FAR EAST IS UNEXCEPTIONAL. GVV

NLIGHTS DRAWN FROM WIRE SERVICE SUMMARIES ARE PRINTED ON INSIDE PAGES, AND EDITORIAL COMMENT IS ALMOST NON-EXISTENT. PRO-SOVIET "ASH-SHA'S" USES OCCASION TO DESCRIBE ITS VERSION OF COMPROMISE MIDEAST SETTLEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. CONSERVATIVE PRO-WEST "AL-HAYAT" COMMENTS: JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN VLADIVOSTOK CONTAINED TRADITIONAL PHRASES DERIVED FROM PREVIOUS STATEMENTS.... COMMUNIQUE WENT SO FAR AS TO GIVE IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN AREA THAT REQUIRES NEW OUTLOOK, NEW FORMULA, OR AT LEAST NEW PHRASE.... ONLY ONE STATEMENT MIGHT BE EXCLUDED FROM THIS GENERAL PICTURE.... IT IS ONE WHICH CALLS FOR CONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, CONDITION SET FORTH BY DAMASCUS GOVERNMENT FOR EXTENSION OF U.N. FORCES' MISSION ALONG SYRIAN FRONT."

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3. PRO-IRAQI "BAYRUT" COMMENTS: "WHILE PRESIDENT FORD WAS

BRIEFING LEADERS OF CONGRESS ON RESULTS OF HIS FAR EASTERN TOUR AND HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH BREZHNEV, SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS MEETING CHINESE OFFICIALS FOR SAME PURPOSE.... NO ONE IS UNAWARE OF FACT THAT KISSINGER DIPLOMACY IS DOING ITS BEST TO PROFIT FROM SOVIET-CHINESE DISPUTE IN ORDER TO ARREST MOMENTUM OF TWO SOCIALIST GIANTS. ON ONE HAND, KISSINGER TELLS LEADERS OF KREMLIN THAT U.S. SEEKS COOPERATION WITH USSR TO REPEL DANGERS THREATENING HUMANITY, INCLUDING 'YELLOW PERIL' AND ESPECIALLY CHINESE. ON OTHER HAND, HE TELLS CHINESE THAT WASHINGTON WILL NOT PERMIT SOVIETS TO DOMINATE FAR EAST AND THAT HENCE IT CONSTITUTES GUARANTEE FOR CHINESE REPUBLIC.... BY ITS NATURE, IMPERIALISM PREFERS CONFRONTATION AND BLACKMAIL TO DIALOGUE AND FREE UNDERSTANDING. TODAY, IT IS MOBILIZING ALL ITS FORCES AND POTENTIAL TO MAKE THIS POLICY OF EXPLOITATION SUCCEED.... BUT NO MATTER WHAT MOVES KISSINGER'S DIPLOMACY MAKES, IT WILL BE UNABLE TO ARREST MARCH OF HISTORY."

4. PRO-SOVIET "ASH-SHA'B" USES OCCASION TO PAINT ITS VISION OF PEACE: "TWO THINGS MAY BE CONCLUDED FROM FORD-BREZHNEV SUMMIT IN VLADIVOSTOK -- FIRST, TWO SUPERPOWERS WERE CAREFUL TO MAINTAIN PEACE BETWEEN THEM AND WORK TO REMOVE ANYTHING THAT COULD BECOME AN OBSTACLE TO PEACE IN FUTURE; SECOND, THERE ARE NOW TWO MAIN OBSTACLES TO PEACE: STRATEGIC NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE. TWO LEADERS DEALT WITH TWO OBSTACLES SIMULTANEOUSLY, AS IF THEY CONSIDERED THEM TO BE INTERDEPENDENT.... IT SEEMS TO US THAT ONLY POSSIBLE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, TAKING OPPOSING FORCES INTO ACCOUNT AND GIVING JUSTICE PART, ABUT NOT ALL, OF ITS DUE, IS ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, ISRAELI RETURN TO PRE-JUNE WAR BOUNDARIES, ARAB RECOGNITION OF THESE BOUNDARIES, ENDING OF STATE OF BELLIGERENCE, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE IN WEST BANK AND GAZA WITH BORDERS RECOGNIZED BY ISRAEL. TWO SUPERPOWERS WOULD GUARANTEE NEW SITUATION JOINTLPM. NEGOTIATIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE BETWEEN TWO STATES ON REMAINING REQUIREMENTS OF DURABLE PEACE.... OF COURSE, THIS SETTLEMENT WOULD NOT SATISFY JUSTICE OR LEGITIMATE PALESTINIAN ASPIRATIONS. NEITHER WOULD IT SATISFY ZIONIST DREAMS AND AMBITIONS. BUT, AS WE UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE SAID, IT IS ONLY SETTLEMENT POSSIBLE IN SHADOW OF BALANCE OF NUCLEAR TERROR."
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